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MAS CONSTITUTION: SUGGESTIONS WELCOME

Have you any thoughts on the constitution of the Monash Association of Students – or ideas on how it might be improved?

Since April this year, a sub-committee of Council has been considering the matter and now invites written submissions from interested members of the University. It will accept suggestions on the related subjects of an MAS constitution, a possible MAS statute and other relevant matters; written submissions may be followed, if necessary, by appropriate interviews.

The sub-committee consists of Professor J. M. Swan (Pro-Vice-Chancellor – chairman), Mr. B. A. Grant, Mr. O. Rozenbes, Mr. L. M. Schafe (graduate student member of Council) and Mr. J. E. Varley (undergraduate student member). Mr. C. W. Porritt, chairman of the Administrative Executive, MAS, has attended the committee's meetings by invitation.

In June, the committee presented an interim report to Council. At the same time, the Administrative Executive of MAS submitted the present MAS constitution and the draft of a proposed MAS Statute (see SOUND No. 81).

Council welcomed the initiative of the Administrative Executive in submitting the documents. It agreed that enactment of a statute, under which an MAS constitution could be made as regulations, was possibly the best way to proceed. Council suggested that the draft statute should be the basis for further discussion by the Council sub-committee.

It is on this basis that the Committee is now seeking the widest possible expression of views on the subject.

Submissions, in writing, should be addressed to Mr. N. Perry, secretary to Council, in the University Offices.

CONTACT: STUDENT HELP FOR STUDENTS

Got a problem? Do you need expert help? Or just someone to talk to? Then see CONTACT.

CONTACT is the new student-run referral service operating from Meeting Room 2 (opposite the Medley Library), 1st floor, Union.

It is NOT a counselling service, but it does offer contact with a wide range of problem-solving agencies and services, both within and outside the University.

Anyone with a problem – personal or professional – who is uncertain where to turn for advice is welcome to take advantage of CONTACT's collection of information about social assistance agencies. The service can refer inquiries to social workers, consumer protection agencies, chaplains, financial, legal and medical advisers, family planning agencies, Lifeline, A-A and many other organisations.

CONTACT is open daily from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., except Thursdays, 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Telephone extension is 3183.

CONTROVERSIAL NUCLEAR THINKER TO SPEAK HERE

Herman Kahn, director of the Hudson Institute, New York, will give a public lecture, "Does Mankind have a Future: the year 2000 and Beyond", at Monash on Wednesday, August 2.

He will speak in Robert Blackwood Hall at 1.15 p.m. after attending a specialist seminar in the department of politics during the morning.

Mr. Kahn has done important and controversial work in various fields of public policy, economic forecasting and nuclear strategy.

He is the author, or co-author, of a number of books:

On Thermonuclear War; Thinking About the Unthinkable; On Escalation: Metaphors and Scenarios; The Year 2000: A Framework for Speculation on the Next Thirty-Three Years; Can We Win in Vietnam?; Why ABM? Policy Issues in the Missile Defence Controversy; The Emerging Japanese Superstate: Challenge and Response; and Things to Come.

Mr. Kahn has expressed the hope that there will be "plenty of questions and comments from the floor" after his lecture.

OMEGA ANALYSED

A seminar will be held on Wednesday, July 26, to discuss the implications for Australia of the proposed US navigation station, Omega.

Speakers will include Dr. Robert Cooksey, lecturer in political science at the Australian National University, Gordon Troup, reader in physics at Monash and Dr. Don Hutton, lecturer in science at Monash. The seminar will be at 1 p.m. in R4.

PROJECT OMEGA?

On Friday last a gardener, who was doing a bit of digging near the Vice-Chancellor's house, unearthed a live electric cable which was traced to a junction box in an outhouse.

The cable was somewhat gingerly de-loused by an electrician who commented on the incompetence of whoever did the wiring up and on the good fortune of the gardener for still being alive.

The cable ran several hundred feet underground and terminated underneath a parked car in the Hospital site temporary car park. An underground co-axial cable was also discovered leading back from underneath the car to the foot of a cypress tree where, concealed under leaves, was a transmitting aerial tuning coil in a metal box, from which a further co-axial cable ran up the tree to serve as an aerial.

The cables and the other bits and pieces are now in the care of the Maintenance Department and can be claimed by anyone who is prepared to establish his ownership.

A spokesman for the Physics Department said that the installation was unlikely to be a try-out for the proposed Victorian Omega Station but in these days of clandestine radio stations one couldn't be sure.

THE LUCKY DEAN

Yesterday's "Australian" (page 6) recorded that "Mr. D. Cochrane, Kew, Victoria" had won third prize in the Reader's Digest "Lucky Number Lottery."

Today, SOUND can confirm that the lucky winner was, indeed, Professor Don Cochrane, Dean of the Faculty of Economics and Politics.

The prize: "A return trip for two to Singapore, flying MSA, plus \$500 cash."

ARCHAEOLOGIST TO LECTURE

One of the world's leading classical archaeologists, Professor Homer A. Thompson, of Princeton University, will give a talk in the Monash department of classical studies on Thursday, July 27.

Prof. Thompson, who is Director of Historical Studies at the Institution of Advanced Studies, Princeton, has been closely associated with excavations in the Athenian Agora.

The title of his address is: "Facilities for the Assembly in the Agora and on the Pnyx". It will be given in room 1153, Menzies Building, at 12 noon on Thursday.

UNIVERSITY GOVERNMENT IN THE USA

"Some Key Issues in University Government in the United States of America" is the title of a paper to be given at a Faculty of Education colloquium on Wednesday, July 26.

It will be presented by Professor Alvin H. Proctor, Academic Vice-President and Professor of Political Science at the Kansas State College of Pittsburg.

Professor Proctor is visiting Melbourne as guest lecturer for the 16th Theodore Fink Memorial Seminar in Australian Education. He has an intimate knowledge of higher education in the United States and will speak about such matters as recent campus problems, student involvement in university government, and problems of University and State relationship. There will be opportunity for discussion and questions on these and other issues.

The colloquium will be held from 11 a.m. to 12.30 in room G35, Education Building.

ARE WE PREPARED?

In the event of emergency, how would **you** react? Rationally, sensibly, foolishly or not at all?

We have heard of "mouth-to-mouth resuscitation" and its effectiveness when dealing with an unconscious person who has stopped breathing.

We may have heard of "external cardiac heart massage" and its effectiveness when dealing with a person whose heart has stopped beating.

In the event of accident or electric shock, at home, at play or at work, we may one day regret that we lacked the confidence to carry out these procedures.

Members of staff may also lack confidence in the use of hand fire extinguishers, or the breathing equipment located at many points throughout the university. In some areas, a knowledge of the art of "kinetic" lifting could prevent sprained and strained backs.

Facilities are available within the university for organising participatory demonstrations in these techniques. Contact the Safety Officer, Will Barker, ext. 2059.

SAFETY COMMITTEE

The agenda for the Safety Committee meeting to be held on Thursday, July 27 has been forwarded to the Main Library.